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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Monday, 26 March 1962, at 10 a.m.

Chairman:

Mr. RAPACKI

(Poland)

PRESENT AT THE TABLE

Brazil:

Mr. de MELLO-FRANCO
Mr. C.A. BERNARDES
Mr. RODRIGUES RIBAS

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Mr. V. PALINE
Mr. N. MINTCHEV

Burma:

U Thi HAN
Mr. J. BARRINGTON
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Canada:

Mr. H. GREEN
Mr. E.L.M. BURNS
Mr. J.E.G. HARDY
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Czechoslovakia:

Mr. V. DAVID
Mr. J. HAJEK
Mr. E. PEPICH
Mr. M. ZEMLA

Ethiopia:

Mr. K. YIFRU
Mr. T. GEBRE-EGZY
Mr. M. HAMID
Mr. T. NEKASHA

India:

Mr. M.J. DESAI
Mr. A.S. LALL
Mr. A.S. MEHTA

PRESENT AT THE TABLE (cont'd)

Italy:

Mr. A. SEGNI
Mr. C. RUSSO
Mr. F. CAVALLETTI
Mr. F. SENSI

Mexico:

Mr. M. TELLO
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Nigeria:

Mr. J. WACHUKU
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Mr. A. HAASTRUP
Mr. V.N. CHIBUNDU

Poland:

Mr. A. RAPACKI
Mr. M. NASZKOWSKI
Mr. M. LACHS
Mr. M. BIEN

Romania:

Mr. C. MANESCU
Mr. G. MACOVESCU
Mr. C. SANDRU
Mr. M. MALITZA

Sweden:

Mrs. A. MYRDAL
Baron C.H. von PLATEN
Mr. G.A. WESTRING
Mr. H. BLIX

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:

Mr. A.A. GROMYKO
Mr. V.A. ZORIN
Mr. V.P. SUSLOV
Mr. S.K. TSARAPKIN

PRESENT AT THE TABLE (cont'd)

United Arab Republic:

Mr. M. FAWZI
Mr. A.F. HASSAN
Mr. A. TALAAT
Mr. M.S. AHMED

United Kingdom:

The Earl of HOME
Sir Michael WRIGHT
Mr. D.N. BRINSON

United States of America:

Mr. D. RUSK
Mr. A. DEAN
Mr. W.C. FOSTER
Mr. C.C. STELLE

Special Representative of the
Secretary-General:

Mr. O. LOUTFI

Deputy to the Special Representative
of the Secretary-General:

Mr. W. EPSTEIN

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF MR. T.G. NARAYANAN

The CHAIRMAN (Poland) (translation from French): It is my sad duty to announce the loss that our Conference has just sustained through the death of Mr. Narayanan, Deputy to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Mr. Narayanan, who sat on the Chairman's left, was a man of eminence in his great country, a talented international official who for the last three years had devoted himself, in the United Nations Secretariat, to the question of disarmament. He had represented the Secretary-General at conferences concerned with the cause which has brought us together here. His loss will be felt by us all.

On your behalf, I wish to convey the deepest sympathy of the members of the Committee to the family of the deceased, to Mr. Loutfi, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, to the Secretary-General, to the members of the Indian delegation, and to the Government of the Republic of India.

Mr. RUSK (United States of America): Mr. Chairman, my colleagues and I appreciate the suggestion which you have just made and the action you propose to take.

We were deeply shocked and saddened by the news of the sudden loss of our colleague and friend, Mr. Narayanan. It had been our privilege to come to have a special admiration and respect for him because of his great service over a long period of time to the Conference on the Discontinuance of Nuclear Weapon Tests. As you yourself indicated, Sir, he was an international civil servant of the highest dedication, a man of great character, a man of great talents, with a selflessness which fitted easily in with his role as an international civil servant.

Since he was international, he belonged to us all, but we are aware of the great country that contributed him to our service, and we join you, Sir, in expressing condolences to India and to his family, and to the Secretary-General and the United Nations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GROMYKO (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translation from Russian): It is very sad not to see Mr. Narayanan among us this morning. His passing is a grievous loss to the United Nations Secretariat. The Soviet delegation wishes to convey its deep sympathy to the family of Mr. Narayanan, to the delegation of the Republic of India, and to the Indian Government.

Lord HOME (United Kingdom): This news has come to all of us as a great shock, and we are terribly distressed at the loss of such a great servant of humanity.

For three years Mr. Narayanan worked with all of us, and he had the most single-minded devotion to the cause of nuclear disarmament and particularly to the cause of the abolition of nuclear tests.

I would like to associate myself with everything that the Chairman has said and with what my two colleagues who have just spoken have said, and offer to the Government of India and to the widow, children and relations of Mr. Narayanan the sympathy of the United Kingdom.

Mr. DESAI (India): We in our delegation have lost a close and valued friend, our country has lost a distinguished citizen and the United Nations has lost an international civil servant of great dignity and character, who, in his quiet and unassuming way, contributed the maximum of his ability and character to the effective achievement of whatever tasks were assigned to him.

We are grateful to the Chairman and to the members of the Committee for the sympathy shown at this sad bereavement. We shall convey both to the Government of India and to the family of Mr. Narayanan the sympathetic sentiments which have been expressed here.

Mr. LOUTFI (Special Representative of the Secretary-General) (translation from French): It is with deep emotion that I express to you our sincere appreciation of your participation in our sorrow. Narayanan, who was with us last Friday, is no more. It is a cruel loss for us. He was a model international official - devoted, able, tactful and zealous. He served our Organization for sixteen years in difficult posts; he had identified himself with it and had only friends in the Secretariat.

On behalf of the Secretary-General and the members of the Secretariat, I thank you for the condolences you have so kindly expressed. I shall not fail to convey them to the grief-stricken family of our late colleague.

The CHAIRMAN (Poland) (translation from French): I propose that, if there is no objection, the meeting be adjourned until tomorrow morning.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.